

Old York Gaol

4 Lindsay Road, York

This rare and well-preserved example of a substantial colonial prison served as the York County jail from ca. 1720 to ca. 1879. The original portion is an oak-lined stone cell, the “dungeon,” the oldest-known instance of stone construction in the state. Several additions dating from ca. 1730 to 1806 gave the gaol its present appearance, that of a large, low, gambrel-roofed frame house with an exposed portion of stone wall on one elevation. The gaol was used during the 1890s as a school, but has been a museum since 1900.